

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Petra Perner  
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Title: Methods for Automatically Identifying Microorganisms Collected on  
a Carrier  
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**Commissioner for Patents**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT NOTICE**

In response to the notice dated 11/3/2009, the **corrected claims section** of the amendment filed 7/27/2009 is resubmitted herewith, now provided with the correct status identifiers. Please substitute the attached claims section for the incorrect claims section submitted before.

Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned would appreciate a phone call or **e-mail** from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted on November 18, 2009,

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